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NEWPORT LOSES TWO BASKETBALL STARS

The Newport Basketball Team received a knockout blow upon the transfer of Goff and Thomason when they departed for the tropics with the detail of which Sgt. Flewelling was in charge. Goff and Thomason were the two big men of the team and everyone was sorry to see them go, both on account of their athletic skill and their popularity in this post. However, Newport has not given up its chance of coming out on top. The command is being thoroughly gone over for "dark horses" who may fill the vacant places.

Sgt. B. W. Williamson and twenty-four men have arrived from the tropics to take the place of the detail which left under Sgt. Flewelling.

For the benefit of Leathernecks who have walked No. 3 Post at Newport, it is announced that the Black Cat still reigns supreme. The Q. M. Sgt. has a large supply of clubs on hand, and old-timers are requested to ship over for Newport, as they may be lucky enough to win the honor of knocking out the old Black Cat.

GEORGE J. STORMS.

SECOND BRIGADE WINS MEET AT SANTO DOMINGO

In a letter from Cpl. Robert J. Allen, our new representative at San Domingo City, we learn that the Second Brigade put one over on those of the First in the recent athletic competition which took place at San Domingo City. The field meet was won by the Second Brigade with a score of 56-43, the outstanding athlete of the day being Mitchell, who took first place in the 100-yard dash and 220-yard dash, second place in the running broad jump, third place in the standing broad jump and third place in the shotput.

The Second also had an easy victory in boxing and wrestling.

In one of the hardest fought battles ever witnessed in this post Rictoli knocked out Helko of the Second Brigade. Rictoli collapsed soon after leaving the ring, and upon investigation it was found that he had fought from the second to the sixth round with three broken ribs. The entire Brigade is united in its admiration of this plucky fighter.

RUMORS FROM IONA ISLAND

A farewell dance will be given March 26, by the Marines at Iona Island, for Capt. Millner, who will leave about April 1st for foreign duty.

"Smoky" Saunders has been transferred to Quantico, where it is expected he will make a fine pitcher on the post team, as he had a record of winning twenty-six out of thirty-one games for the team at Iona Island.

"Top" Brown seems to be the domino champion at this post. Next in line in athletics comes Taylor and Pritchard, as they are the pinocle sharks of Iona. Cpl. Ed Schowe expects to join the Georgia State Police as soon as he is discharged. It is rumored that Art Inman has bought a banana farm and expects to have no bananas when he is discharged. Five privates have been recently transferred to this post from Quantico, and are a welcome addition to the personnel of Iona Island.

C. PREBLE.



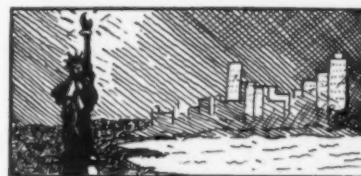
"HELENA" MARINES VISIT CANTON

The average tourist who visits the great city of Canton will do well to arm himself with the silken thread of Theseus to guide his steps through its winding streets and tortuous alleyways. Here he will encounter no Minotaur, but if he keeps his eyes open he will see many grotesque replicas of the ancient Chinese salamander leering from their perches on age-old hovels of brick.

Two Marines from the *Helena* recently threaded the maze of the old labyrinthine seaport, and in a letter to THE LEATHERNECK described a few of their experiences:

"Although all the curious sights which greet the eyes of the tourist in Canton can hardly be discussed in a letter of this size, we shall try to give you some idea of the more unusual things which came to our notice on our recent trip through that city. As we passed through the granite-paved alleyways, surrounded on all sides by the ancient Chinese buildings with their peculiarly striking architecture, we were impressed more than ordinarily by the great number of ancient, crude, and man-killing devices which are still to be found on every hand. In one dimly-lit subterranean

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BROOKLYN MARINES COMPETE WITH "WEST VIRGINIA" LEATHERNECKS

The last dance of the season was very well attended, and was accounted a complete success. Many ex-Marines were present as well as the majority of those attached to this post.

The third annual athletic contest for the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. was held recently, the events participated in being potato race, shot put, standing broad jump, and running high jump. In these matches the Brooklyn Marines competed with those of the U. S. S. *West Virginia*. The final match was held on March 13, various good scores having been made by Cpls. Bahen and Lambert and Pvt. Peveto. The final scores have not been announced but Brooklyn expects to come out on top.

W. B. WHITE.

197TH CO. HAS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

It has literally rained generals in Cape Haitian during the past month. First, the Major General Commandant; second, Major General Pendleton, and, finally, Brigadier General Fuller, the new Brigade commander in Haiti. Marines at Cape Haitian were glad to welcome them, but were sorry that they were unable to remain longer in order to see the points of interest of Northern Haiti.

There have been rumors of a tidal wave scheduled to strike Cape Haitian in the near future; everyone thought it had arrived a short time ago, when the bottom dropped out of the heavens and carried away our tennis courts. A few more such rains and there will be no necessity for the *Henderson* to continue its trip to Haiti. There will be no Haiti! But what is a little mud between friends? The strength of the 150th Company was recently increased on the arrival of Lieut. Byfield, Jr., and Miss Goble. The Marines of Cape Haitian wish the new arrivals luck. May Byfield, Jr., win his stars, and may Miss Goble marry a man who doesn't drink, play poker or go absent without leave.

E. A. WILLIFORD.

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hovel we saw what at first seemed to be a teeter-totter of gray stone weighing about a quarter of a ton, on which a coolie was swaying back and forth. On closer observation, however, we discovered this to be a dyeing machine.

"The process used is most unusual. The cloth is folded into an oblong about 6x10 inches in size and is placed in a concave opening in the floor, after which the granite rocker is rolled over it so that the dye in the depression of the floor is gradually forced into the fibers of the cloth, but only after an hour's hard work and expenditure of great patience.

"In another similar dye shop we found a half dozen scantily dressed coolies squatting on the deck, pounding away at another bit of dye-dipped cloth, with a heavy flat club resembling a cricket bat. As the coolies labored, a small boy walked back and forth among them, fanning them with a large bamboo fan.

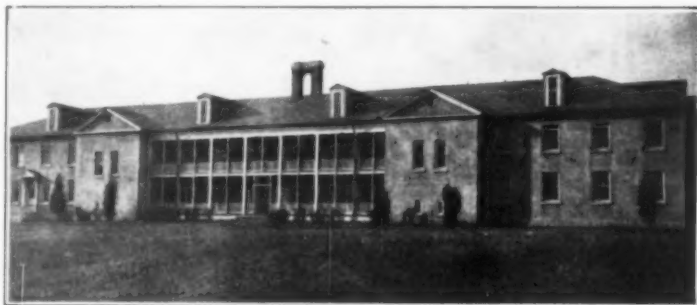
"Here these coolies sit, day in and day out, manufacturing these bits of dyed cloth which would be turned out in a few seconds in the modern factories of America. Hour by hour they sweat and toil, eking out a miserable existence on 20 cents gold a day."

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT TOO

THE LEATHERNECK is the recipient of the following description of Hong Kong by a Marine who signs himself "Snap Shot Pete."

"Hong Kong, an island with an area of about twenty-five square miles, rises out of the coastal waters of the South China Sea to a height of 1,800 feet. It is evidently all that remained above the water when some great mountain peak was submerged by volcanic action. On the southern side of this island is the City of Victoria, which we know as Hong Kong. On the mainland just across the wonderful, mountain-sheltered harbor, lies the City of Kowloon, which with Hong Kong is under British rule.

"The steep slopes upon which Hong Kong is built have in no way detracted from the beauty of the 'Pearl of the Orient,' as this city has been called. At great labor and expense the entire island has been rendered accessible through concrete drives and highways; a scenic railway reaches the top of the incline. Wonderful homes overlook the picturesque harbor and the business section with its large modern buildings. Well kept public parks add to the enchantment of this 'hill city,' and at night this



Marines Barracks at Yorktown, Which Was Described in a Previous Issue of "The Leatherneck." Captain J. S. Norris Is the Commanding Officer of This Post

is further intensified by the twinkling lights dotting the island from base to mountain top.

"It was into this beautiful port that we sailed a short time ago. We lost no time in getting ashore and hiring a touring car for a trip around the island. The distance covered was about 20 miles and occupied over two hours, including stops at points of interest, of which there were many.

"Among these last was a hotel which lies halfway around the drive and which occupies one of the prettiest spots in Hong Kong. Away from its spacious veranda stretches a well kept golf course, a pretty spot against the background of the open sea. The interior of this hotel is decorated with countless Oriental hangings and draperies before which stand grotesque idols. Some of them are most hideous, although, strangely enough, it is to these that most tourists are attracted.

"It was with regret that we returned to our ship after passing through the many attractive scenes of this little island. Not a man but agreed that the visit had been worth the long separation from the States."

Where Our Recruits Come From

Pennsylvania led all States in the number of recruits enlisting in the Marine Corps during the year just ended, contributing 617 to the Corps; New York was next with 609, and Ohio third with 370. Illinois was a close fourth, with 369, and Missouri and Massachusetts were next with 288 and 285, respectively. Only two men from Nevada made the de-

cision last year to wear the Globe, Eagle and Anchor on their hats.

Of the foreign born, Canada, with a contribution of 245 Marines, was far in the lead. Next in order came Italy, with 91; Austria-Hungary, 87; England, 81; Russia, 80; and Germany, 54. Ireland was the place of birth of 46 of them, and Australia, Sicily and Serbia contributed three each. Every European country contributed one or more recruits to the Corps. The total number of enlistments for the year ending December 31 last were as follows: American born, 6,640; foreign born, 981; grand total, 7,621.

ST. JULIAN'S MARINES PREPARE FOR BASEBALL SEASON

Marines at St. Julian's Creek are already well started for the baseball season, having torn down four buildings and removed several tents in clearing the field for action. The St. Julian's Marines warn all semi-pro teams to watch their step, as they intend to clean up on everything in sight.

Sgt. Latty is a little over weight at present, having been mess sergeant all winter, but with a little axe swinging and work with the pick handle, he expects to be down to normal in the near future. Cpl. Novaska has quit the office for the open air, and he is soon expecting to be in shape for the team. The new officer and the 1st Sgt. have promised to lend their moral support, as they both state they are a little old for active work.

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Lady—My husband is very patriotic. What shall I get him for his birthday?
Clerk—Why not buy him a set of military brushes or a can of navy beans.

A Sunday school teacher was taking up a collection in her class, having each one say a verse about giving from the Bible and drop in a penny.

First Boy—"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Second Boy—"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

Third Boy (hesitating)—

Teacher—Come, Johnny, don't be bashful.

Johnny paused a minute and said, "A fool and his money are soon parted," and in went his penny.—Ex.

DOWN IN CUBA

Dearest Mable—would you believe it? I've joined the old Marines! Now I'm feeding up on glory, Work and drill and navy beans.

They have sent me to the tropics, To this quaint old Cuban bay, Where the pirate, then the Spaniard, Held in turn a repal sway.

But today the place is guarded By my buddies here, and me, Ruled by one "Gunpowder Tommy," Fairest man on land or sea.

We've got work and drill, a-plenty, But we have amusements, too; We have hunting here, and fishing, Swimming's good the whole year through.

We have bowling, pool and billiards, Baseball, tennis, boats, canoes, Trips and liberties and picnics, Books and movies for the blues.

We have summer skies eternal, Cooling breezes from the sea, Welcome draughts to aid the thirsty— Cuba's just the place for me.

She—What are you thinking about?
He—The same thing you're thinking about.

She—If you do I'll scream.—Ex.

THE NON-COM

Who is the gent who must watch every buck?

The non-com.

If privates fall down, who's the guy out of luck?

The non-com.

If one of his squad has a battered-up hat,

Looks crummy in ranks or has rust on his gat,

Who is the bird that gets called on the mat?

The non-com.

Who is the lad that must stick to his post?

The non-com.

Who is the one they rely on the most?

The non-com.

When he's heavy the buck privates call him a snob,

If he's lazy they say he's a good natured slob,

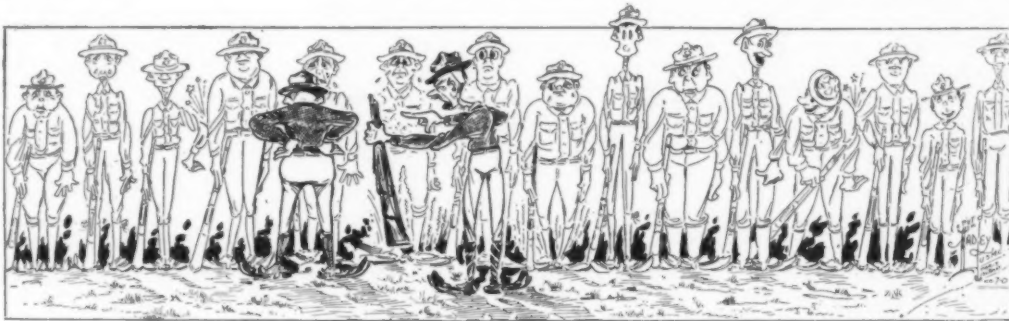
But they all look to him to put over the job—

The non-com.

Tourist—Say, stranger, this surely is a dry place. Doesn't it ever rain?

Adrian M.—Rain! We've had bullfrogs around here over seven years, and they ain't learned to swim yet.—Ex.

Send in your Post news.



Can You Pick Yourself Out?

MORE APOLOGIES TO "RING"

Dere Mable,

Well I guess you has been wating patiently to here about the big box fite Karnival wich we have hear on G. Washingtons berthday. Well I woudnt say that I was rite again as you will recollect I said in my last "billy do" (French) that a good time would be had by all but five. Well I was rite as four of the gladiators was knocked stiff whilst the fith lost the desision. The first one of the nites of the Cowlesflower to get knocked off was Battling Dziennik of the Barracks Detachment. The winner of this argument was Sailor Farris of the Naval Base. Dziennik has the best judgement howsomever as he refused to get knocked down so he gets knocked out hanging over the top rope and wins a bet of a pkg of 111 cigarettes with First Sergeant Allen who says he will get knocked onto the floor. The second fite, Sgt. Peckowitz wins in the first round on a foul but he is so good natured he wont take advantage of his playmate, Sailor Douglas who beleives in reciprocity and proves it as he knocks Peck-

owitz out three times in the next two rounds before he convinces the referee that he is the winner. Peckowitz is not convince as he is up at the count of ten but the referee says if he aint satisfied then he never will be.

In the third bout Sailor Flahive knocks out Mutter of the Virginia National Guard in the 2nd round. The fourth bout Sailor Midge Smith knocks off young O'Connell of the Naval Base in the fourth round.

In the final bout Kid Posthaurer Marine won the bantam weight championship of the 5th Naval District from Young Lopez Navy. Posthaurer hits Lopez with everything but ring posts and he cant use them as they is the pillars, wich keeps the second floor from being the first.

The Post Exchange gives away the usual batch of 1912 cigars and cigarettes and all is well.

Well I dont know if you knowed we had the best football team in the Marine Corps hear last winter and to prove it some Walter Camp in the Navy puts our fullback Big Alex Alexander on the all-

shore station first team as left halfback. You has probably heard Goettge is the best football team in the Marine Corps but such is not so as that famous company clerk W. Shakespear said.

Speaking of the pool hall Lt. Greer wins the annual pasture billiard tournament last week beating the two Navy Yard champions Lts. Quinlan and Rowlings of the Navy 3 up and two to go. He also won some new golf balls so now he can play every day. Chuck Connor is still the Kelly pool champion and Stef-anik is the best bowler 194 average in 45 games.

You probably will be sprised to here that Louie Pflaum is hear in the hospital. I guess he is in the hospital on account of injuries as he used to be a Mess Sergeant.

Well, Mable, I hopes you get to read all this but I has my doubts as the Editors of THE LEATHERNECK cut my last letter down to 45c.

Yours until 1944,

JACK KEEFE 2ND.

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YOUR "LEATHERNECK" AND WHAT IT COSTS

At first thought it may seem that the publication of a paper the size of THE LEATHERNECK ought not to be of great expense. For this reason, our appeal for wider circulation often falls on deaf ears and we are therefore printing a few facts regarding our financial condition and our regular expenses, which will enlighten those who regard it an easy matter to meet the obligations of such a small paper.

The present cost of printing THE LEATHERNECK, regardless of cuts or special type set-ups, is \$440 a month. Wrappers, postage, and miscellaneous office items usually amount to \$25 a month. In addition to this, we pay our representatives for their news items and pay a commission on all subscriptions secured by them. This amount varies, the amount paid for news alone usually being \$20 a month. Whenever we have special picture cuts made there is an additional expense, the smallest cuts costing about \$2. Excluding this last item, THE LEATHERNECK is printed at a minimum cost of \$500 a month, and it is often a great deal more.

Most of this amount must be paid by subscriptions. Our advertising helps to some extent but THE LEATHERNECK cannot exist without the full support of the Corps. We are hoping to increase it in the future, but to do this we must have one-half the Marine Corps as our subscribers. This is not impossible of attainment, and we believe if the men of the Corps realize the possibilities of THE LEATHERNECK they will get behind us and endeavor to make the posts 100 per cent in circulation.

Up to the middle of December THE LEATHERNECK was in debt, and it was feared at one time we might have to suspend publication. In a final effort to awaken the Corps to the plight of its only general newspaper we succeeded in obtaining enough subscriptions to put us on our feet again, and to give us a surplus which we immediately proceeded to use in the most advisable way. One

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Sail Ho!

"GOBS" NOT SAILORS, SAYS
"SEABAG"

Navy men are not "sailors," according to *The Seabag* of the U. S. S. *Oklahoma*, which says: "We hear men refer to themselves as sailors. By the shades of John Paul Jones, that is intolerable! The navy man is a bluejacket, a man-o'-warsman, or even a "Gob," but not a sailor. A sailor is a common seaman, as distinguished from able-bodied seamen in the merchant service. Where a sailor leaves off, a bluejacket or man-o'-warsman begins. What does a sailor know about machinery, electricity, gunnery, communications, regulations or the many other things a man-o'-warsman must know? Nothing! A man-o'-warsman is not only a highly trained specialist but is also a first-class fighting man, clean-cut, mentally alert, loyal to his country, and resourceful."

"FIGHTING TOP" APPROVES
HAWAIIAN CRUISE

The Fighting Top of the U. S. S. *Wyoming* speaks with approval of the contemplated fleet cruise to the Hawaiian Islands for next winter's maneuvers.

"Those who have been to the Islands before," says *The Fighting Top*, "will be glad to visit again the most beautiful bit of tropics they have ever seen. Those who are still strangers to the land of the Hula-Hula (according to popular songs, but hard to find in Hawaii) have something in store."

The Fighting Top has made no idle remark. Hawaii is indeed a most beautiful place, and the Marines who are fortunate enough to go on next year's expedition will undoubtedly join the ranks of enthusiastic admirers.

"ESPRIT DE CORPS"

The following editorial on "Esprit de Corps" appeared in a recent issue of the *Oklahoma Sea Bag*, and it was deemed of such high quality that it is reprinted herewith intact:

"Esprit de Corps"

BY E. W. H.

You all know what the phrase means; but, just what does it mean to the personnel of the *Oklahoma*?

During the past few years it has gradually become the custom to do as little as possible, or to do just enough to get by. Apparently no interest is taken by the individual in anything except his personal desires. I do not think that is the meaning of the phrase.

In an establishment like the Navy, the officers and men have mutual obligations toward one another. Each are, to some extent, tied by the existence of this relationship, and each accepts the limitations for the sake of the advantages which accrue. Each of us must possess certain principles and perform certain acts.

If we all do our work in a haphazard manner, the result is well known; but if each of us does his best, no matter how

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Headquarters
Talks

This is the first of a series of talks which I hope to have with the Marine Corps through the columns of THE LEATHERNECK.

"An order making a knowledge of either French or Spanish obligatory for all officers below the rank of Lieutenant Colonel is being drafted and will be issued to the Corps in a short time. Officers already enrolled in a course in the Marine Corps Institute will be allowed a reasonable time in which to complete such course before taking up a language. Time for completing a language course will be about four years. A sound knowledge of at least one of these languages is not only an accomplishment but a necessity for officers of the Marine Corps.

"During my recent inspection in the West Indies I did not see a Marine Corps post that was not equipped with as good a study room as the local conditions permitted, and there was always present an officer or competent non-commissioned officer who was glad to advise the students, and to assist them in their studies after the regular working hours.

"My talks will not all be devoted to the subject of education, but this is of such ever-increasing importance that I feel it cannot be over-emphasized in the Marine Corps. The standards of the entire world are being raised. Every walk of life calls for trained men; those who do not measure up to this condition are automatically passed over by others who have prepared themselves to work with their heads as well as with their hands. As Washington is the seat of government the increasing pressure for higher educational standards is more in evidence here than anywhere else, and it is very much in evidence. High as the Marine Corps standard already is it must nevertheless be improved, because we must keep abreast of the times. The Corps as a unit is like every individual man in it. It must prepare for the future.

"Discussion of this matter has not been limited to Headquarters. As it affects the whole Corps the opinion of Commanding Officers, Educational Officers and many others has been obtained by personal correspondence as well as by conversation. Every First Sergeant in the Marine Corps has been asked to give his opinion and the number of students taking courses in the Institute who have given their views on the subject is too great to keep track of.

"The conclusion reached after all this effort is that it would be a great mistake to place our general educational system on any but a purely voluntary foundation. The Corps is almost solidly for this principle. This applies to our standard of general education and not to the professional education of either officers or men. Knowledge of either French or Spanish is a professional necessity for the officers, as are the courses taught at the Navy War College, the Army War College, the Marine Corps Schools, and

other service schools throughout the country, all of which Marine Officers are required to attend. The professional education of the enlisted men is taken care of in the other ways, by routine procedure. That it is effective has been proven on land and sea for well over a century.

"As we have now definitely decided to adhere to the voluntary principle in our educational work it follows that we must actually apply that principle. Headquarters of the Marine Corps lives up to its part by refraining from issuing orders restricting the initiative of others. The method to be pursued in every case is left to the discretion of the local commander. The reaction of every method is known by the number of lesson papers received at the Institute, and by the number of graduates at any place. As the success of the Marine Corps Institute is measured by the number of its graduates, and as graduation is the goal of every serious student, I hope the Corps as a whole will respond to the spirit of the voluntary principle of our educational system, and offer every practicable and suitable opportunity to the students to complete their courses so they may be awarded their diplomas, which are the visible evidence of proficiency."

JOHN A. LEJEUNE.

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thousand dollars was set as a reserve sum and every other cent was turned back into THE LEATHERNECK so that it might be improved and therefore become more interesting to the Corps, and as a result might gain more subscribers. This reserve sum will not last, and we shall be forced to use it in the very near future unless the entire Corps responds to our efforts and places us free from financial worries. We want to make this a large, snappy paper and we can do it with 50 per cent of the Corps on our mailing lists. Surely it is worth the trial. Give us your subscription for one year and watch the results. THE LEATHERNECK will respond to your every expectation.



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insignificant he believes his best to be, how much more satisfied will we be!

Is it each one's ambition to be the best man, in the best division, of the best ship in the fleet? That is what the above phrase means. If such were the case, how much more time we all would have to do with what we pleased! Let us all do our best and do it cheerfully for the good of our Navy.

Suppose we start a competition today and see how it works out. Let us all make our part of the ship the best part of the ship; our division, the best division; our race boat, the best race boat; our selves, the best navymen. If we are discontented on any account, all the more reason why we should try another way to remove the causes of this discontentment.

Let's go—and show the world what "Esprit de Corps" means to the men of the Oklahoma.

SIDELIGHTS ON MARE ISLAND

The post baseball team has begun its official training season at Mare Island, the first game being scheduled for the 22nd of March.

Interest in tennis has been revived because of the arrival of a number of tennis "sharks" from Peking. The courts are crowded every day with men from the Barracks.

There are now at this post two "knights of the squared circle," one of whom, Cpl. Theodore Schneider, is heavyweight champion of the West Coast, having twenty-three knockouts to his credit. Schneider will defend his title against Martin O'Shay in the near future.

Last week the horses which have been used by the mounted patrol were sold at auction, and the patrol, which has been in existence since the days of Admiral Farragut, was relegated to the land of the past.

Reports have been received from the new post which was established at Yerba Buena Island which indicate that this small detachment is quite content with its new home. This small guard is commanded by Capt. Max Cox. In a letter to Mare Island, Sgt. Thomson, who is with Capt. Cox, states that the naval personnel at Yerba Buena is courtesy personified, and that the post has all modern conveniences. The duties of these Marines consists in maintaining three guard posts which were formerly handled by the bluejackets.

W. B. BEACH.

NON-COMM. QUOTA FILLED

According to a recent announcement by the Major General Commandant, the non-commissioned officer strength of the Marine Corps has been filled and no promotions to non-commissioned officers grade, therefore, will be made other than to privates first-class, without specific authority from Headquarters.

We welcome suggestions for the improvement of the paper.

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SAN DIEGO MARINES HAVE WONDERFUL HOME

Southern California, and all that name conjures up before one! Wonderful climate of warm, sunlit days and cool nights. Land of sunsets, turquoise skies, blue hazy mountains towering like castle walls; bluer water of the ever-tranquil Pacific. Rich in memories of the fearless Conquistadores of old Spain. The Angelus bell from old Franciscan Missions, ancient as the hills themselves, silent now, but once vibrant with the "Pater Noster" of Junipero Serra and his half-savage converts. Old Mexico's quaint, picturesque village, Tijuana, with her wide-hatted caballeros and beautiful señoritas; strumming of guitars, the soft cadences of Spanish music; abundance of the forbidden Nectar, Nemesis of Volstead. * * * The famous North Island, where MacReady and others have broken so many flight records. And the best located, most beautifully constructed Marine barracks in existence—at SAN DIEGO.

The Barracks faces due South, and fronts the Pacific. Constructed after the Spanish Mission style of architecture, with beautiful arches, it contains one of the longest Arcades in the world. There are five large buildings of the two-story design, and in each one is a complete set of offices, two large barracks-rooms, one below and one top-side, tiled bathrooms, with nicked plumbing fixtures, and a large Mess Hall, with a sitting capacity of about 500 men. The ceiling of the topside barracks-room is constructed after the old architectural style, so that the huge supporting beams are visible.

Our Library is one of the best-stocked on the Western Coast. In the same building we have an excellent canteen, a bowling alley with four alleyways, and a poolroom with four tables. The best feature pictures are exhibited twice weekly.

For the athletes we have a cement tennis court, a cement basketball court and a fine level baseball diamond. Our Track Team is just getting organized, and we promise some surprising records a bit later. The Marine basketball team won a series of five games played against the Naval Training Station of North Island, which brought us the Championship. Honesty compels us to admit that the Training Station nosed us out of the baseball championship, though we lost but two out of the eight games. The Leathernecks are always on hand to root for the old team, and trucks are provided to carry the men to and from the games, which are always played on the "Y" diamond in town.

But, speaking of diamonds—With the unerring judgment of connoisseurs, the Marines have selected a most charming young lady, Miss Dennison (daughter of Q. M. Sgt. Dennison), to represent the Marine Base and (sailors, take notice!) also the Naval Operating Base, in a Prize Contest now taking place at the Civic Auditorium in Balboa Park. We hope we can win for her the big diamond ring given as the prize. (Ye scribe wishes we could have secured ours that way, for they cost money. We know whereof we speak.)

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MARINE CORPS ORDERS

March 10, 1924

No orders were announced.

March 11, 1924

Capt. C. M. Jones—Detached M. B., N. Yd., Washington, D. C., to 1st Brigade, Haiti.

2nd Lt. W. C. Harding—Resignation accepted.

March 12, 1924

Capt. E. C. Nicholas—Detached Dept. of Pacific, to M. B., N. S., Guam.

March 13, 1924

Capt. Merwin H. Silverthorn—Detached 1st Brig., Haiti, to Gendarmerie d' Haiti.

1st Lieut. Curtis W. LeGette—Detached M. B., N. S., St. Thomas, V. I., to M. B., Quantico, Va.

2d Lieut. Louis F. Knorr—Detached 1st Brig., Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.

Pay Clerk William J. Miller—Detached 2nd Brig., Santo Domingo, to M. B., Quantico, Va.

March 14, 1924

1st Lieut. Floyd W. Bennett—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to M. B., N. S., Virgin Islands.

2nd Lieut. John W. Lakso—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to 2nd Brig., Santo Domingo, D. R.

March 15, 1924

Capt. Samuel A. Woods—Detached 2nd Brig., Santo Domingo, to M. B., Quantico, Va.

Capt. Ross L. Iams—Detached 1st Brig., Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.

1st Lieut. Charles W. Pohl—Detached N. O. B., Pearl Harbor, to Dept. of the Pacific.

1st Lieut. Frank B. Geottge—Detached Dept. of the Pacific to M. B., N. O. B., Pearl Harbor.

ERROR IN PREVIOUS ISSUE

A great deal of comment was made on the power of the press when the Marine Corps Orders published in THE LEATHERNECK of last week announced that Maj. Gen. Charles A. Johnson had been detached from Haiti and was ordered to Portsmouth, N. H.

This error was made by the printer, who took "M. G." to mean major general instead of Marine gunner, and the mistake was overlooked in proofreading. THE LEATHERNECK is sorry to have to reduce this officer so quickly after his unexpected promotion.

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Marine Corps Institute

MARCH 20, 1924

Total number individuals enrolled	7,558
Number of examination papers received during week	1,177
Number of examination papers received during 1924	11,322

M. C. I. FOUND POPULAR ON WEST COAST

Gy. Sgt. G. A. Harter has recently returned to the Marine Corps Institute after a month's tour of West Coast posts, the purpose of which was to establish more personal contact between the Institute and these stations, and to learn in detail the conditions surrounding M. C. I. students there. The first station visited was Bremerton, where the Institute was given an emphatical endorsement by the Commanding Officer, Col. Gamborg Andresen, who stated that he was entirely in accord with the aims and policy of the M. C. I. The Bremerton school officer is Second Lieut. Joseph Moody, who is highly praised by students for his readiness to assist and encourage them in their studies.

The next station visited was Headquarters Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, which is well represented on the Institute's rolls by active students. The comments of the personnel were unanimously favorable, especially those of Capt. Shippey and Chief Clerk Shannon of the Quartermaster Department.

At Mare Island, Sgt. Harter was received by Col. McGill, who stated that the Institute had his personal as well as his official support at all times. Col. McGill evidences his willingness to serve the M. C. I. by appointing Sgt. W. B. Beach as assistant to the School Officer, Second Lieut. Raymond Miller. Beach was formerly an officer in the Army Engineer Corps, and is already known to the readers of THE LEATHERNECK through his contributions to our columns in regard to Mare Island.

Upon completion of his duties at Mare Island, Sgt. Harter proceeded to the Marine Base at San Diego, which was the last post covered in his orders. San Diego was found to be a strong Institute post, having always had the official support of the various organization commanders. Among strong advocates of the M. C. I. who were interviewed by Sgt. Harter were Lieut. Cols. Huey and Bishop, Maj. Bogan and Johnson, Capt. Bone and Knapp, and Lieut. Bayliss and Skidmore.

Lieut. Col. Huey, in pursuance of an endeavor to increase the effectiveness of the Institute, assembled all the officers of the Base for a conference, the results of which were forwarded to the Director, and which represent a very interesting cross-section of opinion.

It is but natural that Lieut. Col. Bishop should be a staunch advocate of education in spare time study, as he is a writer of interesting and red-blooded stories of adventure in which he demonstrates those traits of character which belong to those interested in the proper direction of youth.

In a personal address to the men of



MARINES RECENTLY REENLISTING

Paul W. Mulhearn, 3-8-24, Hdqrs., Washington.

Joseph P. Uszko, 3-7-24, Quantico.

Luther F. Huff, 3-6-24, Quantico.

Albert W. Klipper, 3-1-24, San Diego.

Olof Mathison, 2-23-24, San Diego.

John T. Warren, 3-4-24, San Diego.

James E. Taylor, 2-20-24, Annapolis.

Lewis P. Clements, 3-10-24, West Coast.

William R. Miller, 3-6-24, San Diego.

Albert W. Escher, 3-4-24, San Francisco.

Jose R. Jova, 3-3-24, San Diego.

Joseph C. Bianchi, 3-4-24, Portsmouth.

Charles W. Dowers, 3-5-24, New York.

Ernest Winfrey, 3-6-24, Quantico.

James F. Brothers, 3-11-24, West Coast.

Harry E. Lytle, 3-11-24, Quantico.

John A. Milton, 3-11-24, Norfolk.

CAPT. LADD LEAVES NEW LONDON

Capt. Shaler Ladd, who has been for some time the commanding officer of the Marines at New London, is soon to be transferred to another station, and the Marines at New London are unanimous in their regret at his departure. During his tour of duty at New London, Capt. Ladd has made himself more than ordinarily popular, which is indicated by the many expressions of good will and wishes for success at his new station which he has received.

JEROME H. DAVIDSON.

his command, Col. Bishop stirred in them an interest which cannot fail to produce results and increase the general good will for the Institute throughout the entire service. Facilities for study at the Barracks and Recruit Depot are excellent. The Base is fortunate in possessing a large library and light, airy reading rooms, provided with writing desks and comfortable chairs. The student at San Diego is indeed fortunate.

Sgt. Harter reports very interesting interviews with older non-commissioned officers. The unqualified approval of such men as First Sgts. James Davis, Hannah, Bjorstedt, Duke, Lynch, Quist, Gy. Sgts. Hoban, Braden, Goldberg, Macphie, Cox and many others, is indeed a recognition of an interest of which the Institute may well be proud.

In a word, the work of the Institute receives a full measure of official support. Study facilities are unusually good at all these posts and any man who wishes to avail himself of these opportunities will not fail to receive plenty of support and encouragement.

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GOLF IS POPULAR IN GUAM

Sgt. Henderson, who recently arrived in Mare Island from the far-east station, states that the Marines in Guam are becoming most enthusiastic golfers, and that they have developed a number of first class players in the short time which has elapsed since the completion of the course. At the time Sgt. Henderson left the Island the Marines were holding elimination contests for a tournament. The course is located at Samay. The ground covered by the course was cleared of the undergrowth because of a series of fires which occurred in 1922, after which Col. McGill, who was then commanding officer, decided to throw a fire guard across the front of the post. After the ground was cleared of the undergrowth, it became necessary to fix the soil, which was done by using sod stripped from the outlying districts. The result was a beautiful grass plot over 3,000 yards in length and as smooth as a lawn. Sumay is now the "most beautiful post in the Marine Corps," according to Gen. Wendell C. Neville, who recently inspected the island.

Although at first the only golf clubs and equipment on the Island were owned by officers, this has been remedied through the canteen, which contributes to the upkeep of the course and supplies a number of clubs. In addition to this, numerous orders have been placed for equipment, which will supply the enlisted men with the means for a very popular recreation. Golf rules have been published on all bulletin boards and score cards issued to the men, so that it seems that golf for enlisted men has finally arrived.

We are glad to note the development of this popular game in Guam, for it will do much toward relieving the monotony which sometimes exists in that far-off post.

W. B. BEACH.

Lieuts. R. P. Coffman and A. E. Williams, who were formerly attached to the Training Station at Paris Island, have been transferred for tropical duty. During their tour at this station, Lieuts. Williams and Coffman have made a great many friends who regret to see them depart, but who wish them success at their new stations.

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Deaths

DEATHS REPORTED AT MARINE HEADQUARTERS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

Bonner, Fred L., Pvt.—Died February 28, 1924, at M. B., Parris Island, S. C. Next of kin: Sarah Bonner (mother), R. F. D. No. 2, Oakland, Miss.

Hollister, Clarence W., Cpl.—Died February 12, 1924, at Port au Prince, Republic of Haiti. Next of kin: Charles and Gertrude Hollister (parents), 36 High St., New Haven, Conn.

Maney, Charles M., Pvt.—Died February 23, 1924, of disease at Culebra, West Indies. Next of kin: Eliza Whitmore (grandmother), 33 East St., Asheville, N. C.

Oliver, Walter P., Pvt.—Died February 15, 1924, at M. B., Parris Island, S. C. Next of kin: Lelia Oliver (mother), 1106 Fitzwater St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Woelflein, Henry F., Sgt.—Died February 20, 1924, of disease at Santo Domingo, D. R. Next of kin: Mary Woelflein (mother), 127 Brook St., Portage, Wis.

Cummings, Thomas M., Sgt. Major (retired)—Died February 8, 1924 of disease at Portsmouth, N. H. Next of kin: Mrs. Elizabeth Dennison (sister), 36 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Sergeant Major Cummings first enlisted in the Marine Corps June 8, 1898, and retired May 31, 1923. He held a commission as a Second Lieutenant from June 17, 1918, to September 29, 1919, and served overseas during the World War.

Hoff, Bernard I., Q. M. Sgt. (retired)—Died February 3, 1924, of disease at Annapolis, Md. Next of kin: Laura Hoff (widow), 164 West St., Annapolis, Md. Quartermaster Sergeant Hoff first enlisted in the Marine Corps May 5, 1875, and retired February 10, 1904.

Births

Lieut. and Mrs. Leo Healey announce the birth of a daughter, Marjorie Virginia, on March 1, 1924, at the Providence Hospital, Seattle, Washington.

TWO LONESOME MARINES

Here is a clipping from the Milwaukee Journal which aroused the ire of a certain gunnery sergeant:

"Who Wants to Cheer Up Pair of Marines?"

"Two lonesome Marines in the hospital at Parris Island want someone to write to them. They do not ask that the writers be girls, but it is safe to assume that they will appreciate notes from young women. They say they have no relatives and no one interested in them. They are Pvts. James D. Ferguson and G. H. Shillenn."

THE LEATHERNECK is the recipient of the following letter from the previously mentioned gunnery sergeant who stumbled on the clipping:

"Where do these two 'Bozos' get that lonesome bunk? When I was at Parris Island as a recruit I never had time to think about being lonesome. You can tell them that when a certain gunnery sergeant comes back from furlough he will look them up and do his darndest to relieve their lonesomeness."

"Why are you mailing all these empty envelopes?"

Myrtle—I'm cutting classes in a correspondence school.—Ex.

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Farmer—Well, son, what are you doing up in that tree?

Son—Just got a letter from the Sophomores in correspondence school telling me to haze myself.—The Park Stylus.

It is rumored that the Quantico Football Team has already prepared a fall schedule of games, and that among others they will play Gallaudet, Catholic University, Vanderbilt, Georgetown, Detroit, Johns Hopkins and, possibly, Colgate during the coming season.

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